

# Bedtime Stories For The Little Ones

UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE PHONOGRAPH.

By HOWARD B. GARRIS

"Well, I think I'll go out and look for an adventure," said Uncle Wiggly Longears, the rabbit gentleman, one day as he started to hop away from his hollow stump bungalow.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Nurse Jane Fussy Wussy, his muskrat lady housekeeper, as she wiped a dab of flour off her left ear, for she was making a carrot shortcake. "You do have good things going on looking for adventures, don't you?"

"Well, sometimes," answered the rabbit gentleman, and then, having given his pink nose a twinkle or two, and brushing some jelly-jam dust from his tail with his paw, Mr. Longears started off.

"I wonder what sort of adventure I'll have today," thought the bunny as he skipped along over the fields and through the woods, sort of swinging his red, white and blue striped cravat, which, like a dramatick, Uncle Wiggly was feeling pretty good just then, as his rheumatic pains bothered him hardly at all; being so near Christmas, I suppose.

And then, as Mr. Longears hopped along, he began thinking about Nurse Jane Fussy Wussy, his muskrat lady housekeeper.

"Dear old Nurse Jane!" said Uncle Wiggly to himself. "She doesn't have a very good time in this world, I'm afraid. Here I go off looking for ad-

machine and I'm sure you and Nurse Jane will like it very much."

"Oh, it's a surprise record, is it?" asked Mr. Longears. "Well, I'm sure we'll both like it. I'll take that and the song record and also the dance one. I'm not going to have Nurse Jane get lonesome when I'm away, if I can help it."

So the three phonograph records were wrapped up, and Uncle Wiggly started back for his hollow stump bungalow.

"Dear me!" he exclaimed, when he was nearly there. "I haven't had my adventure yet today! I forgot all about it in buying the records for Nurse Jane. Never mind, perhaps the surprise one will be enough of an adventure."

Soon the rabbit gentleman reached home, and you can imagine how delighted Nurse Jane was with the new record. First Uncle Wiggly played the dance tune for her, and he and the muskrat lady did the hasty ship and the cornmeal flip all around the bungalow. Then came the song about Salie Waters and the hot cross bun. My! how Nurse Jane did laugh.

"And now for the surprise," spoke Mr. Longears, as he put the third record on the machine. But just as he was going to start it playing a harsh voice cried:

"Yes, now for the surprise! I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what I got a lot of your nose!" And there stood the little old Skunkie. Uncle Wiggly was so excited that he had left the front door open, and the Skunkie had sneaked in.

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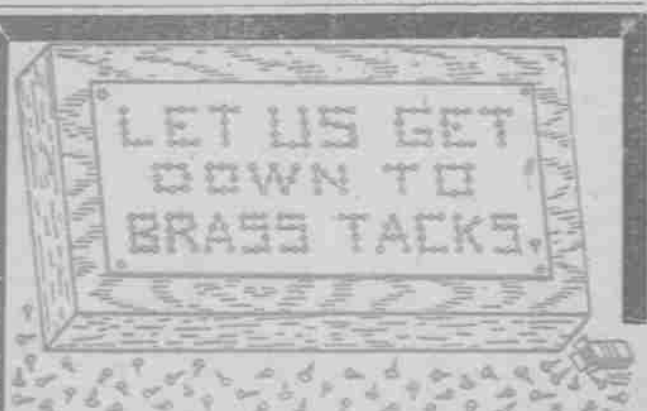
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